

Writing Task

You have just read and analyzed three excerpts on the broad topic of childhood. Now you need to choose a broad topic of your own. You may write about childhood if you wish, but many other possibilities also exist: friendships, work, play, school, your community, your family, holidays. Discuss your ideas with a partner and choose a topic.

Then, using the writing strategies that work best for you, write two passages about your topic using a different tone in each.

Your writing will be assessed using this rubric:

<i>Trait</i>	<i>Developing</i>	<i>Competent</i>	<i>Proficient</i>
Uses tone for specific aesthetic purposes	Tone is inappropriate for the topic or inconsistent in one or both passages.	Tone is appropriate for the topic and mostly consistent in both passages.	Tone is appropriate for the topic and consistent throughout both passages.
Revision	Submitted draft needs major revision for meaning, clarity, and/or purpose.	Submitted draft needs minor revision for meaning, clarity, and/or purpose.	The meaning and purpose of the submitted draft are clear.
Editing/proofreading <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spelling• Punctuation• Capitalization• S/V Agreement• Sentence Structure• Format	Numerous lapses in submitted draft suggest lack of attention to editing and proofreading.	A few lapses are present; they do not interfere with understanding.	Almost no lapses present; the draft has been carefully edited and proofread.
Diction	Word choice is inappropriate or dull, possibly conveying wrong or inconsistent tone.	Word choice is appropriate and vivid, helping to convey the tone.	Word choice is appropriate, vivid, and polished, making the writer's tone easily apparent.

The deadline for this assignment is _____.